

**In the Specification:**

**Page 1, before line 5, insert the following heading:**

## **FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 1, line 24, insert the following heading:

## **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

**Page 1, lines 31-34, amend the paragraph as follows:**

The solution according to the invention lies in an insertion instrument with the features of Claim 1. Advantageous developments are the subject of the dependent claims. for a multi-part intervertebral endoprosthesis that includes two closure plates and a sliding core arranged between the closure plates, an insertion instrument that includes a handgrip part, gripping members which hold the closure plates between them, a hinge, a force-receiving part for applying an insertion force to the intervertebral endoprosthesis, either projections pointing in a tensioning direction or recesses for holding the intervertebral endoprosthesis with a form-fit that are formed on the gripping members, and a block guided in the longitudinal axis direction and provided with an abutment surface configured to be movable by an actuating device so as to bear on the intervertebral endoprosthesis and, in a forward position, so as to secure the intervertebral endoprosthesis against the projections or recesses. The gripping members are configured to be guided movably toward and away from one another via the hinge and to be tensioned against the intervertebral endoprosthesis. The preferred embodiments set forth other advantageous features' of the invention.

**Page 5, line 26, insert the following heading:**

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

**Page 6, line 11, insert the following heading:**

## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

**Amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:**

## **Abstract ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An insertion instrument for a multi-part intervertebral endoprosthesis [(9)] comprises includes two closure plates [(91, 92)] and a sliding core [(93)] arranged between these, said

insertion instrument having a handgrip part [(21, 31)], gripping members which hold the closure plates between them, and a force-receiving part for applying an insertion force to the intervertebral endoprosthesis [(9)], the gripping members being guided movably toward and away from one another via a hinge [(4)] and being able to be tensioned against the intervertebral endoprosthesis [(9)], projections [(51, 52)] pointing in the tensioning direction [(12)] or recesses for holding the intervertebral endoprosthesis [(9)] with form-fit being provided on the gripping members, and a block [(61)] guided in the longitudinal axis direction [(10)] and with an abutment surface [(62)] being provided which can be moved by means of an actuating device [(7)] so as to bear on the intervertebral endoprosthesis [(9)] and, in its forward position, secures the intervertebral endoprosthesis [(9)] against the projections [(51, 52)] or recesses.